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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: CODEL IPU

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF CODEL IPU DELEGATION.
2. CODEL VISIT COINCIDES WITH HEIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICAN SUMMER HOLIDAYS. MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS AND CIVIL SERVANTS CONSEQUENTLY ON LONG LEAVE OR IN TRANSIT BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL (PRETORIA) AND LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL (CAPE TOWN) IN PREPARATION FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IN LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.
3. WHILE PREPARING PROGRAM FOR CODEL. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT ANXIOUS TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY TO VISITING COLLEAGUES. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS IN CAPE TOWN, PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WISHES TO HOST CODEL AS ITS GUESTS AT KRUGER NATIONAL GAME PARK. WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS, EMBASSY AND CONGEN CAPE TOWN HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WHICH, BECAUSE OF HEAVY SUMMER TRAVEL RUSH, NEEDS CODELS CLEARANCE ASAP.

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SUNDAY JAN 4 - ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 2150 VIA RG 650;
TRANSFER TO CARLTON HOTEL JOHANNESBURG.

MONDAY JAN 5

0930 - TRAVEL TO AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE PRETORIA
1030 - BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS EMBASSY STAFF
1230 - LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE
1430 TOUR OF PRETORIA
1630 - CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
1715 - RETURN JOHANNESBURG

EVENING - AT LEISURE; EMBASSY SUGGESTS ATTENDING
PERFORMANCE OF EXCELLENT AFRICAN MUSICAL, IPI TOMBI -- PLEASE
ADVISE IF TICKETS DESIRED.

TUESDAY JAN 6 - LEAVE JOHANNESBURG RAND AIRPORT, FOR
KRUGER PARK VIA MN 025 AT 0700. ARRIVE KRUGER PARK 0930.
DAY IN PARK. OVERNIGHT IN DIPLOMATIC REST CAMP.

WEDNESDAY JAN 7 - LEAVE KRUGER PARK VIA MN 026 AT 1500.
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 1730. EVENING AT LEISURE.

THURSDAY JAN 8 - SCHEDULE MIGHT INCLUDE VISIT TO AFRICAN TOWNSHIP
OF SOWETO AND ARCHITECTURALLY IMPRESSIVE RANDS AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY
SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION MIGHT HOLD MEETINGS OR OTHER FUNCTION.
FREE TIME.

LEAVE JOHANNESBURG SA 327 AT 1800; ARRIVE
CAPE TOWN 2035. TRANSFER TO HEERENGRACHT HOTEL.

FRIDAY JAN 9

0900 - LEAVE FOR PAARL
1000 - VISIT KWV WINE CELLARS MEET KWV OFFICIALS
1300 - LUNCH AT LANZERAC STELLENBOSCH. AFTER LUNCH
VISIT HISTORIC HOMES OF SOUTH AFRICA (REMBRANDT FOUNDATION).
RETURN TO CAPE TOWN.
180-2000 - JOIN COCKTAIL PARTY AT CONGEN RESIDENCE
FOR AMERICAN ENTRANTS IN CAPE TO RIO YACHT RACE PLUS SOME SELECT
SA PARLIAMENTARIANS. REST OF EVENING FREE.
SATURDAY JAN 10 - MORNING FREE TO VISIT CAPE TOWN SITES,
INCLUDING CABLE CAR TO TOP OF TABLE MOUNTAIN. EARLY AFTERNOON,
CONGEN ENDEAVORING TO HAVE CODEL ACCOMMODATED IN
APPROPRIATE VENUE ON LAND TO WITNESS START OF CAPE TO RIO YACHT
RACE. EVENING - SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ARRANGING
RECEPTION FOR CODEL AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.
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SUNDAY JAN 11 - MR AND MRS ST CLAIRE DEPART CAPE
TOWN SA 300 AT 0710 ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 0855. DEPART
JOHANNESBURG AT 1115 VIA OA 104. SA AIRWAYS ABLE TO CONFIRM
BOOKINGS FOR ONLY TWO OF REMAINING SEVEN MEMBERS OF CODEL
ON SA 324 LEAVING CAPE TOWN AT 1500, ARRIVING
JOHANNESBURG
1640. FIVE OTHERS CONFIRMED ON SA 348 LEAVING
CAPE TOWN 1650, ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG 1830. IMPOSSIBLE THAT

LATTER FIVE COULD MAKE 1845
DEPARTURE
ON BA 30 TO NAIROBI.
EMBASSY ENDEAVORING TO ARRANGE ALTERNATE TRAVEL PLANS TO
NAIROBI AND WILL FORWARD INFO SOONEST.

4. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED FOUR DOUBLES AND TWO SINGLES
RPT TWO SINGLES WITH BATH AT JOHANNESBURG'; CARLTON HOTEL
FOR JAN 4-7 INCLUSIVE AND AT CAPE TOWNS HEERENGRACHT
JAN 8-10 INCLUSIVE. WILL CANCEL RESERVATIONS AT CARLTON
FOR EVENING JAN 6 IF CODEL ACCEPTS INVITATION TO KRUGER.
(OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AIR FARE TO KRUGER AND OTHER
COSTS WHILE THERE WILL BE PAID BY SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT.)

5. FOLLOWING ARE COST ESTIMATES REQUESTED PARA 6 REFTEL A:
JOHANNESBURG:
HOTEL: DOUBLE R39.60 SINGLE R29.70; AUTOMOBILE RENTAL:
TEN PASSENGER MICROBUS WITH CHAUFFEUR R12 PER HOUR, 20 CENTS
PER KILOMETER, CAR WITH CHAUFFEUR R10 PER HOUR, 12 CENTS PER
KM. (EMBASSY RECOMMENDS RENTING TWO CARS, RATHER THAN ONE
MICROBUS, TO GIVE CODEL GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING).

CAPE TOWN:
HOTEL: DOUBLE R27 SINGLE R18; AUTOMOBILE RENTAL,
HERTZ
CAR WITH CHAUFFEUR R 45 PER EIGHT HRS, R6 EACH ADDITIONAL
HOUR, 22 CENTS PER KILOMETER.
EXCHANGE RATE: R1 EQUALS DOLS 1.16.

6. EMBASSY, CONGEN JOHANNESBURG AND S.A.G. WILL ARRANGE
FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM JOHANNESBURG AIRPORTS. RENTAL
CARS WILL BE NEEDED FOR TIME SPENT IN JOHANNESBURG-PRETORIA
AND IN CAPE TOWN.
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7. PSE ADVISE SOONEST IF EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED WITH ABOVE
SCHEDULE.
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